



### Stevenson Ridge 6901 Meeting Street Spotsylvania, Virginia

"Our special event facilities provide customers with several meeting spaces that can be used for corporate events, weddings, family reunions, and more. The property sits on 90 acres of land and offers a outdoor event options as well."



**Green Statement:** "Stevenson Ridge values a natural setting and is environmentally consciousness. We think it is important to be Green to preserve the grounds as well as our refurbished historical buildings."

#### CORE ACTIVITIES for Green Conference Centers

☒ **Recycling.** All conference centers must have highly-visible locations/containers that provide the opportunity for guests to recycle aluminum cans and plastic bottles. Recycling of steel cans, cardboard, office paper, and composting of waste foods are encouraged as well. This facility pledges that they:

- Provide the opportunity for guests to recycle: glass bottles, plastic bottles, aluminum cans, steel cans, newspaper, office paper
- Have recycling bins located:
- Also recycle office paper, toner cartridges, cardboard, fluorescent lamps, batteries, electronic equipment

☒ **Minimization of Disposable Food Service Products.** All conference centers are required to minimize the use of disposable food service products and maximize the use of food service products that are recyclable or compostable in the food service area. When disposable food service items are used, you are encouraged to use products that are made from bio-based or renewable resources, and to provide for the collection / recycling/ composting of food service items disposed of on the premises. This facility pledges that they:

- Use disposable foodservice items that are recyclable

☒ **Solid Waste Reduction.** All conference centers must be actively working to reduce their solid waste generation. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall solid waste costs
- Kitchen (or meetings/events)*
- Donate excess food from events
- Compost food waste and other compostables

- Dining room (or meetings/events)*
- Use cloth napkins

*Restrooms*



- Use bulk soap dispensers in public restrooms

#### *Office*

- Remove facility and staff names from junk mail lists when possible
- Reuse scrap paper for notes
- Use electronic correspondence and forms when possible

#### *Building and grounds*

- Use reused building materials or those from sustainable sources
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles

☒ **Water Conservation.** The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall water usage and wastewater

#### *Activities indoors*

- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks

#### *Activities outdoors*

- Have an effective landscape management plan which utilizes native species
- Have an effective storm water management plan which includes pervious pavement and minimization of impervious areas (paving, concrete, etc.)
- Maintain vegetative buffers around streams and ponds

☒ **Energy Conservation.** The facility must have a plan in place that encourages replacement of lighting and equipment to energy-efficient alternatives. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall energy bills

#### *Heating and cooling*

- Have individual thermostats for each room/area
- Have installed ceiling fans
- Regularly perform preventative maintenance on HVAC system
- Keep office doors and windows closed in HVAC system is on

☒ **Green Events Package.** The facility must offer a "green" or "environmentally-friendly" package for conferences, meetings and other events. Even if the facility only offers occasional, small events, at least recycling will be provided. This facility pledges that they:

- Promote the availability of "green meetings/conferences" in marketing packages
- For green events, we provide recycling for any disposables or other materials. We also try to use more natural lighting and minimize the use of artificial lighting. We only have concrete parking spaces available for handicap parking. All other spaces are on grass or gravel to maximize our green spaces. Other services are available upon request.

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For more information on Stevenson Ridge, see [www.stevensonridge.com](http://www.stevensonridge.com) or contact Jennifer LaRock at [jennifer@stevensonridge.com](mailto:jennifer@stevensonridge.com) or 540.538.3777.

**Virginia Green** is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green Conference Centers** have been thoughtfully planned and designed to minimize their impacts on the environment. This conference center has met the established "core activities" for **Green Conference Centers** and has committed to communicate its activities to its guests.

For more information on **Virginia Green** program, see [www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/viriniagreen](http://www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/viriniagreen) or [www.viriniagreentravel.org](http://www.viriniagreentravel.org).



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